

My Bicycle A Crime Prevention Project

of the Kent Police and Kent Youth



This is my bicycle. It is my responsibility to know how to describe it if I ever have to tell the police it was stolen. I will save this information and hope I never need to use it. I have read my rights and responsibilities on the back—or my parent read them with me.

Signed:_____

Bicycle: Make: _______ Model: _______ Boys / Girls type.

SERIAL NUMBER: ______ Color: _____ Tire Size: ______

Added equipment: ______ Total Value: ______ Date: ______

This Bicycle belongs to: _______

Bicycle Safety

Each year in the United States over 200 children between the ages of 5 and 14 die in bicycle related accidents. More than 1 million children receive medical treatment for biking related accidents. Be safe, be here tomorrow.

Be a helmet head. Bicycle helmets are a matter of life and death—wearing one is **not** optional. In King County it is the law. Three out of four bike accidents involve an injury to the head. Ensure your helmet fits properly. After a fall when the helmet hits a hard surface, immediately replace the helmet.

Safe clothing. Florescent or bright-colored clothes help people to see you. Avoid wearing dark clothing especially when evening approaches. Make sure pant legs are not loose or so long that they can get caught in the chain. Riding gloves can protect your hands, especially during any off road biking. If you carry a backpack, keep it light—if it is too heavy you could lose your balance. Wear sturdy shoes. Never ride with shower shoes or bare feet.

Rules of the road.

- Always ride on the right side of the road in the same direction as traffic.
- Try to use bicycle lanes.
- If you must ride on a sidewalk for safety—you must be courteous to walkers.
- Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars pulling out of driveways.
- Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic (red) lights just as cars do.
- Be careful at intersections.
- Always walk your bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.
- When riding with friends, always ride single file.
- Never change directions or change lanes without first looking behind you and using the correct hand signals.
- If you ride your bike after dark you must have reflectors on your bike and a working headlight.
- Only one person should be on a bike at a time. DO NOT have a friend sit on the seat behind you or on the handle bars.

Maintenance.	Check the following regularly:	☐ Tire air pressure ☐ Height of the seat ☐ Brakes
		☐ Chain for grease and tightness ☐ Check reflectors and headlight.

Protect your bicycle: When not riding lock your bike up, put it indoors, keep it out of sight.

Write your bicycle's serial number and other information on this form and keep it in a safe place in case you ever need to identify your bicycle or report it stolen.